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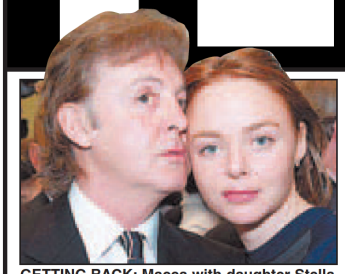
GETTING BACK: Macca with daughter Stella

■ EXCLUSIVE by NIGEL PAULEY

STEAMING-MAD Stella McCartney last night ordered dad Sir Paul to "do a Di" and go on TV to reveal all about his disastrous marriage.

The fashion designer hit the roof over reports step-mum Heather Mills was already planning a Princess Diana-style telly interview. She is desperate to boost her image during her bitter divorce war with Macca.

Now furious Stella is urging Sir Paul to battle back by giving his own explosive TV chat – and telling the world what his estranged wife is REALLY like.

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Afghan mission 'cuckoo'

GRAVE DOUBTS: Lord Guthrie

■ by DANIEL BENTLEY

SENDING British troops into Afghanistan has been branded "cuckoo" by a former chief of the Defence Staff.

The attack was made by General the Lord Guthrie, one of Tony Blair's most trusted commanders before he quit in 2001.

His comments yesterday came as leaked Cabinet documents apparently acknowledge that Britain's military commitments have fuelled terrorism. Lord Guthrie said anyone who thought the Afghan mission would be a "picnic" did not know its history.

He questioned moving in the number of troops now deployed while the Army was still active in Iraq.

And he also cast doubt on Mr Blair's claim he would give the Army the extra resources it needed. "He is not dishonest," Lord Guthrie said.

"But there is no way you can magic up trained Royal Air Force crews, or trained soldiers, quickly.

Threat

"You can't magic up helicopters, because there aren't any helicopters."

The leaked Cabinet papers say that actions overseas must in future be designed to reduce the threat of terrorism.

Their contents will increase pressure on Mr Blair, who has denied Britain's actions in Iraq and Afghanistan are responsible for terrorist attacks against the UK.

The documents are reported to say that, in an ideal world, "the Muslim would not perceive the UK and its foreign policies as hostile".

HOME TAX HELL

Bills may soar for 'nice' areas

HOMEOWNERS face a proposed four-fold hike in council taxes.

The Tories believe that the Government wants to base it on the neighbourhood they live in.

People living in areas with good schools and low crime rates will be asked to fork out more.

The scheme is being trialled in Northern Ireland and means that 21million UK homes will be re-valued.

The existing banding system would be scrapped and replaced with an annual bill levied at 0.78% of the value of each property.

Shadow local government minister Caroline Spelman said: "Labour intend to tax you not just for every home improvement, but also the neighbourhood you live in.

"This is the hallmark of an oppressive and greedy Government, finding ever more stealth ways to tax working families and pensioners, and trampling over privacy when it suits them." She pointed to a parliamentary answer by local government minister Phil Woolas.

■ by DEAN VALLER

He said: "The market for dwellings may well be influenced by levels of crime and deprivation amongst many other factors."

But the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) dismissed the claims as "scaremongering" and said Northern Ireland was not a test ground for forthcoming reforms in England.

Wrong

A spokesman from the DCLG said: "This amounts to little more than scaremongering.

"We have made no changes to the policies on inspection in England since the previous Government set them in 1993, and we have no intention of changing these.

"It is wrong to suggest that the Government is using the current revaluation in Northern Ireland as a testing ground for England."

Sir Michael Lyons, the Director of the Institute of Local Government Studies at Birmingham University, is carrying out a review of local government, including council taxes. The results are expected soon.

The DCLG spokesman added: "Sir Michael is due to submit his report to Ministers at the end of the year and no decisions will be taken until we have given any proposals contained in his final report proper consideration."

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GREEN GRAB ON THE WAY

A RAFT of "green taxes" are on the way – the economic price of climate change.

In a leaked letter to the Chancellor, Environment Secretary David Miliband proposes a package of taxes designed to encourage people to use public transport, buy smaller cars and fly less.

The missive to Gordon Brown includes proposals to rake back the money drivers save on fuel when oil prices fall, increasing tax for polluting vehicles and raising duty on air travel.

Mr Miliband said: "As our understanding of climate change increases, it's clear more needs to be done."

KIDS' SEX PROBE

CHILDREN as young as 13 could be quizzed about sex when they visit a GP in a health watchdog's bid to cut teen pregnancies.

STUDENT FURY AT FEE HIKE

THOUSANDS of students gathered in London yesterday to protest at new £3,000 university top-up fees.

About 3,500 demonstrators marched from Bloomsbury to Trafalgar Square to release 3,000 balloons in anger at the introduction of the higher charges for this year's freshers.

National Union of Students president Gemma Tumelty said: "Debt will be a huge deterrent on students entering education."

Picture: REUTERS

PM loans 'boss'

TONY Blair was the mastermind of the cash-for-honours scandal, close pal Lord Levy has claimed.

The trusted associate of Mr Blair says he was acting on his direct orders to drum up £14million in secret loans for Labour, detectives say.

Lord Levy has been quizzed twice in four months by police after it emerged businessmen who lent Labour money were recommended for peerages by Mr Blair.

Detectives are set to give Mr Blair a severe grilling over the alleged scandal within weeks. A prosecution source said last night: "Levy has told police that everything he did was for the top man."

LOTTO DAILY PLAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

1 10 13 14 19 21 27

No ticket matched all 7 balls for the £30,000 prize

SATURDAY LOTTO

OCTOBER 28

4 5 6 12 20 29 BONUS BALL 30

Four tickets shared the £4.1m jackpot

Dream Number: 2-2-6-9-3-9-0. No £500,000 winners

T'Ball 4, 18, 20, 23, 32 (T'b 11). Two £250k T'Ball winners

WEDNESDAY LOTTO

OCTOBER 25

2 7 10 14 16 22 BONUS BALL 43

Four tickest share £1.9million jackpot

Dream Number: 9-0-6-5-1-2-6. No tickets won £500,000.

T'ball: 5, 7, 15, 22, 24. (T'b 4). No tickets won £250,000.

EURO MILLIONS

FRIDAY OCT 27

3, 4, 8, 44, 50

Lucky Star Numbers 7, 8

No ticket won the £75m jackpot

Happy Birthday

Drug-troubled former football cheat Diego Maradona is 46 today

Thought for day

If you're irreplaceable, you'll never get promoted

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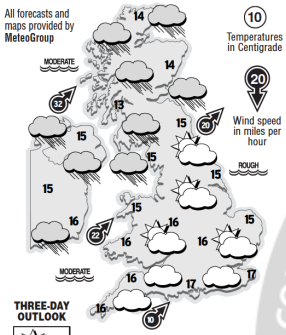
TODAY: Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly cloudy with patchy rain. Western England and west Wales will be cloudy with drizzle. East Wales and southern and eastern England will brighten up after a damp start.

OUTLOOK: It will be very windy, with a band of cloud and patchy rain moving south across most parts. Wednesday will be cold with showers along North Sea coasts.



THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

Tuesday Showers

Wednesday Showers

Thursday Sunny

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Canada	2.02 dollars
Cyprus	0.81 pounds
Czech Republic	38.85 korunas
Mexico	18.04 pesos
South Africa	13.33 rand
Thailand	65.66 baht
Turkey	2.59 new lira
United States	1.80 dollars

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ABROAD

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Corfu	sunny	23c	(73f)	N York	mist	19c	(66f)
Dublin	sunny	12c	(54f)	Nice	sunny	22c	(72f)
L Angeles	cloudy	26c	(79f)	Paris	rain	17c	(63f)
Majorca	sunny	25c	(77f)	Rhodes	sunny	23c	(73f)
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★ HERE'S a cheeky devil who just can't wait for Halloween.

Curvy Claire, 21, from London, will be giving guests a real thrill at a spooky party tomorrow night.

★ All the horny male revellers will be hoping that things go bump in the night.

But Claire says they don't stand a ghost of a chance!

Picture: JEANY SAVAGE

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WUFF JUSTICE

BUST-UP: Paul O'Grady with pampered pooch and, right, curvy Kate

Jordan's banned from TV mutt Buster's red carpet

EXCLUSIVE

by MARK JEFFERIES & NIGEL PAULEY

STUFFY telly bosses were blasted last night for treating sexpot Kate Price worse than a dog.

Organisers have banned 28-year-old Kate, alias Jordan, from walking down the red carpet at the National TV Awards tomorrow.

In the past even Paul O'Grady's pet pooch Buster has been given the honour at the ceremony.

The model and her husband Peter Andre are to present an award at London's Albert Hall.

Shocked

But any hopes they had of publicising their new duets album have been hit by bosses who want the red carpet reserved for nominees only.

Britain's favourite glamour girl, who fell in love with 33-year-old Peter on ITV1's I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here! will have to enter by a side door away from the spotlight.

She will be given less star treatment than Paul's little shih-tzu Buster. The mutt, who has appeared on 51-year-old Paul's ITV1 and Channel 4 chat shows, was banned from last year's awards – but Paul was still allowed to walk up the red carpet with him.

A NTA insider said: "Jordan and Peter will be shocked when they find out they can't go down the red carpet.

"Jordan is used to getting all the attention, not having to use a side entrance.

"The photographers won't be too happy either because they will be trying to get a picture of her.

"It seems ridiculous asking someone as photogenic as Jordan to attend and then keep her away from the snappers."

A pal added: "There could be fireworks if this silly ban isn't lifted."

Geordie duo Ant, 30, and Dec, 31, are nominated for a record four awards.

And a new category of TV Contender sees Big Brother's Nikki Grahame and ex-boyfriend and winner Pete Bennett, both 24, fighting it out.

● *The awards will be shown this Wednesday on ITV1 at 8pm.*

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HUNDREDS of pagan and Satanist prisoners are to get a day off work in English and Welsh jails tomorrow so they can celebrate Halloween.

BURST

POLES' HOME BREW

THIRSTY Polish workers have sent sales of their nation's favourite beer soaring in the UK.

Brewers say demand for Polish beer Tyskie is up more than 400% in Britain and Ireland.

And it's all thanks to plumbers and other migrant workers wetting their whistles.

Alan Clark, of brewers SABMiller Europe, said: "Loyal consumers demand familiar brands."

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DAILY STAR Tops for telly.. DAILY STAR Tops for telly..

Bren guns for judges

■ EXCLUSIVE by NIGEL PAULEY

BBC1's Strictly Come Dancing is in crisis after dancers demanded crunch talks with judges over "vote fixing" – and threatened to stage a walkout.

They claim the panel of four judges, led by veteran Len Goodman, 61, are getting "too personal" in their remarks and accused them of waging private vendettas.

Sources say dancers insist the panel of Arlene Phillips, 54, Bruno Tonioli, 34, Craig Revel Horwood, 38, and Goodman are no longer consistent and tried to "fix" the vote to get rid of Brendan Cole, 30.

'TARGETED': Brendan

Almost 8.5million fans were stunned as judges were recalled on Saturday's results show to explain themselves amid a backstage barney.

An insider said: "It all kicked off and was like a war zone back there.

"Dancers demanded clear-the-air talks."

Brendan survived but blasted: "The judges are losing the plot. There's no consistency at all."

ROCK ON, BEN

PALS of X Factor favourite Ben Mills are worried his rocker image will be "trashed" if he wins.

Kerry McGregor and Dionne Mitchell – both booted off the show on Saturday – fear record boss Simon Cowell, 47, will change his style from rock to pop.

Kerry, 32, said: "The winning song has always been pop – I would hate to see his image trashed."

Dionne, 26, added: "Ben has a unique voice so I hope he doesn't have to compromise."

Ben, 26, is even-money bookies' favourite to win the ITV show and the £1million record deal on offer.

MYLEENE'S

X FACTOR finalists Leona Lewis, Ashley McKenzie, Ray Quinn, 18, and Nikitta Angus, 18, celebrated their show survival with a trip for a takeaway.

They proved they were all hungry for showbiz success by tucking in at McDonald's after Saturday's big band show on ITV1.

Leona, 21, right, made an X with her fries, while big-hearted Ashley, 20, left, showed his generous side by offering the watching photographer some of his grub.

Pictures: SHARJO

SIMON IS PUP IDOL

■ by CAMERON MILLAR

X FACTOR judge Simon Cowell says he will leave a fortune to a dogs' charity.

The record company boss, 47, is worth £80million after 30 years in pop.

And when he was asked who would benefit from all his dosh he said: "I've never made a will and I don't want to think about death. I would have to leave some to a dogs' charity."

Last year Simon, who has no plans for children with long-term girlfriend Terri Seymour, 32, agreed to judge an RSPCA dog show in Brighton.

A source close to the star said last night: "He has more money than he knows what to do with and he doesn't even have any kids to leave it to.

"Even though he likes to live the showbiz lifestyle with his exotic holidays and private jets, every new project rakes in cash faster than he can spend it.

"He's always been a dog lover and thinks this would be a good thing to do with all his cash. But with his fortune there will be some seriously pampered pooches at the dogs' home."

Simon also revealed that he is not tempted to have cosmetic surgery when he gets older.

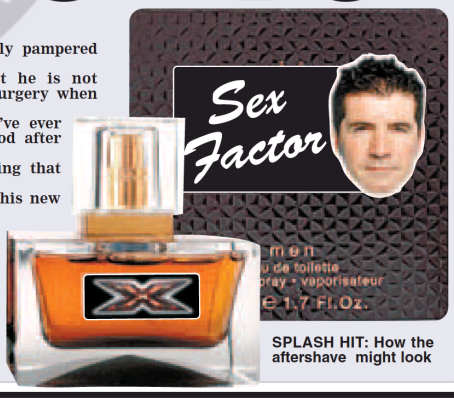
He said: "I don't think I've ever seen a guy who looked good after plastic surgery.

"If they invented something that worked, then maybe."

Meanwhile the launch of his new aftershave creeps nearer.

The pop guru thinks his distinctive brand, believed to be in partnership with Estée Lauder, will pull in thousands of punters.

An industry insider said: "A line of up-style products under his name will sell well here – and in the US too, where he is huge."



SPLASH HIT: How the aftershave might look

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JUNGLE WAR

Family and friends beg her to snub £1m chance

EXCLUSIVE by PETER DYKE

SEXY Myleene Klass is facing an agonising decision over whether to join telly's I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!

Show chiefs have offered the former Hear'Say babe a cool £100,000 to sign on the dotted line.

And if she won the jungle contest she could rake in £1million worth of spin-offs.

The problem is squeamish Myleene is terrified of creepy-crawlies – and fanatical about hygiene.

Her family and friends fear she might crack up during the ITV1 show's barmy Bushtucker Trials or in the insect-ridden setting of the Australian camp.

A close family friend told the Daily Star: "This is a terrible dilemma for Myleene.

"On the one hand you've got TV bosses splashing the cash to get her on their show – and at the same time she's got her family pleading with her to turn it down.

"For starters, she is absolutely petrified of spiders and even considered hypnosis to overcome her phobia.

"She will flip if she comes face-to-face with the huge eight-legged freaks they have out in Oz.

"And she also has an obsession with cleanliness. She hates being dirty and can't stand mess."

Target

Pals are also worried that the show would put Myleene, 28, back in the spotlight where she has been a target for yobs in the past.

During her time in Hear'Say, she faced abuse and was branded a "bitch".

Last year she was the victim of a happy-slapping attack in which thugs threw hot chips over her and kicked her to the ground.

It is also feared that show makers could cruelly edit her behaviour and she could regret taking part for the rest of her life.

Classically-trained musician Myleene – engaged to her ex-minder Graham Quinn, 30 – has been chased by show bosses for three years. Now she has seven days to decide whether to accept the lucrative offer.

Her parents Otto, 53, a former Navy captain, and Magdalena, 52, and her brother Don, 23, and sister Jessie, 26, have always encouraged her to follow her dreams.

But the friend said: "We don't want her to do I'm A Celebrity.

"She got a lot of stick when she was in Hear'Say because she was in the public eye so much and now we're concerned about the type of profile she'll get in the jungle.

"It's a huge show with massive ratings and she's going to put herself right in the firing line again."

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STEAMY: How you'd see babe Myleene in I'm A Celebrity
Picture: TIM MERRY

MIKE WARD ON TELLY
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The BEAUTIFUL DAME

CHEER LEADER: An England girl fan on song

Soccer babes flock to the big matches

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

FOOTBALL really is the beautiful game with more soccer-mad babes than ever going to Premiership matches.

The number of women at top-flight games is on target to rocket by half a million.

Last season 1.9million female fans regularly went to matches.

A predicted 2.33m are expected to flock through the turnstiles by the end of the season.

Ticket

Female supporters now make up 18% of Premiership attendances – up from 13% in 2004/05 and 14.6% last season.

The official England supporters' association is also reporting a rise in female membership.

And at some of the bigger Championship clubs more than one in five season ticket holders are women.

The report, compiled by digital company Match Day Media, found the average female fan is aged 25 to 34 and is usually quite well-off.

Match Day Media, which provides entertainment facilities at Premiership stadiums, says modern comfortable grounds and changes in the way football is marketed are attracting more women to games.

Boost

Chief executive Gerry McKenna said: "It's a far more welcoming environment now and is becoming much more of a lifestyle prospect, rather than simply a sporting one."

Experts believe high-profile women like Victoria Beckham, 32, are also giving female interest a big boost.

England supporters' association boss Harpreet Grewal said: "It's not a male-exclusive sport."

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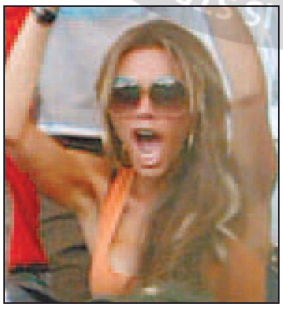
AGONY: Posh can't watch



ECSTASY: Posh celebrates

FORTUNE: Jo Richardson

Mum's minted

■ by JERRY LAWTON

WEARY Jo Richardson pocketed £150,000 in a year playing late-night TV quiz shows thanks to her insomnia.

The 42-year-old used to curse her lack of sleep, but she's bagged a fortune by tuning in to quiz shows while everyone else is asleep.

Bill

Her most recent win was a £36,000 jackpot at 2am on ITV's The Mint, hosted by Big Brother star Brian Dowling, 28.

Jo has used the money to pay off the mortgage on her house in Evesham, Worcs, despite running up a phone bill of £10,000 calling the shows.

The mum-of-two said: "I only get three or four hours of sleep a night. I used to resent it, but now I've discovered it's my key to a fortune."

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GET BACK DAD

Stella urges Macca to tell all on telly in Heather war

Picture: KENT NEWS

THE warring McCartneys faked a show of happy families as they celebrated daughter Beatrice's third birthday at the weekend.

The couple met for the first time in more than eight weeks as they spent the afternoon at Clambers play centre in Hastings, East Sussex.

The atmosphere was tense as Macca carried Bea in his arms, right, and Heather arrived with other kids for the birthday bash.

FURIOUS Stella McCartney is urging dad Sir Paul to hit back if her stepmum Heather Mills "does a Diana".

Heather is said to be holding secret talks with telly chiefs to arrange an explosive interview.

Now fashion designer Stella wants Macca, 64, to get his own back by doing his own tell-all TV chat revealing what Heather is really like.

Sources claim Stella, 34, is "absolutely livid with rage" over reports that Heather, 38, plans to pour her heart out on TV – just as Princess Diana, below, did in 1995.

A source revealed: "Stella is sick and tired of Heather and can't bear the thought of her playing the tearful victim on TV.

"She's really angry about the effect all this is having on Paul. She's worried for him as he tries to drown his sorrows in booze.

Nasty

"Stella is determined not to let Heather have it her own way and believes Paul should give his side of the story as well. She has told him he's got to get nasty, or at least threaten to.

"She is still reeling over Heather's outrageous claims that her dad had been violent towards her mum, Linda."

It was claimed that Stella – heavily pregnant with her second child – flew into a rage over reports that Heather had claimed Macca hit his late wife Linda.

Our source added: "Paul had to restrain her as she screamed at him, 'I'm going to kill that bitch!'"

Stella has long nursed a bitter hatred of Lady Mucca – so called because of her seedy past as a sex manual model.

She vowed never to talk to the woman she calls "a pile of vomit" after she wed Macca in 2002.

It also emerged yesterday that Macca's marriage was rocky nearly a year ago but Heather had refused Paul's suggestion of seeing a marriage counsellor.

■ by NIGEL PAULEY

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HEARTBREAK: Jo with Ben before he teamed up with Heather as her personal trainer

Lady Mucca took my guy

■ by LAURA NEIL

PRETTY Jo Bradford last night accused Heather Mills of stealing her "starstruck" boyfriend.

Lady Mucca hired Ben Amigoni, 22, as her personal trainer and the two have become inseparable – although both deny any romance.

But Jo claims Ben dumped her after becoming "bewitched" by Heather.

Celeb

Bank clerk Jo, 23, from Ashford, Kent, who had lived with Ben for two years, said: "How could I compete with Heather?

"Ben was getting sucked into a celeb world and I could see I was losing him."

In March this year Ben received an anonymous £200 voucher to drive a racing car for his birthday – which turned out to be from Heather.

In July Heather hired Ben as her exclusive trainer and bodyguard.

Ben finally dumped Jo last month – only for her to receive a phone message from Heather "reassuring" her that nothing was going on between them.

"I don't know why she had to reassure me of anything," said Jo. "She was only interested in herself and making sure I didn't speak out."

Heather's representatives declined to comment last night.

Gas price rises beyond a joke?

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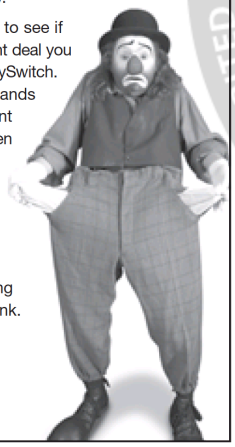

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SHOWTIME: Kylie looks super-stylish in her snaps for Aussie Vogue mag – and the smiling shot on the cover, inset below right, proves she's fighting fit again

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Kylie's PHEW look

SEXY SINGER BACK ON TOP

■ by NIGEL PAULEY

HERE are the sensational pictures that prove brave singer Kylie Minogue is back to her very best.

The sexy Aussie says she's feeling on top of the world again after battling back from breast cancer.

And the 38-year-old beauty posed for these hot shots to show she's fighting fit.

Kylie had the snaps taken after acting as guest editor of the December issue of Australian Vogue.

And there was only one person to pick as her cover girl!

The singer looks super-chic in extreme make-up and outfits from Chanel and Dolce & Gabbana.

In her message as editor, Kylie thanks all those who have stood by her.

She writes: "After my cancer diagnosis, my whole world changed – I have learned and experienced so much about myself and others.

"It's great to be able to make those first steps back into the life I knew before, the one I now know better."

After nearly a year concentrating on beating the Big C, Kylie has gone back to work with a clean bill of health from doctors. She's now busy preparing for her Showgirl tour, which had to be postponed when the cancer struck.

Kylie is also launching a new perfume and undies range, as well as promoting a children's book.

Vogue editor Kirstie Clements said: "The cover shot presents a positive, beaming image.

"Whoever we choose as guest editor has to be a leader in their field or have a relevance to fashion.

"Kylie certainly fits that category, and her presence will be an early Christmas present for our readers."

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Docs put off telling father of tragedy

HEARTBREAK: Mum Sharon Wood is devastated after visiting the bungalow with second husband Paul
Picture: ANDREW PARSONS/PA

DAD TOO SICK TO BE TOLD KIDS ARE DEAD

■ by JERRY LAWTON

THE father of two holiday children found suffocated by fumes has still not been told of their deaths for fear it will kill him.

Doctors at a Corfu hospital yesterday decided Neil Shepherd was too sick to be told his daughter Christianne, seven, and son Robert, six, had perished.

Medics fear that Neil, 28 – who also inhaled poisonous carbon monoxide at their holiday hotel – will lose the will to live if he is given the news before he has recovered more fully.

Grief

His girlfriend Ruth Beatson, 27 – who is recovering more quickly – was told of the deaths for the first time by her mother on Saturday.

Corfu hospital manager Ioannis Manzaropolous said car parts boss Neil, who lives near Wakefield, West Yorks, was now conscious but in a "poorer condition" than Ruth.

He added: "A member of his family will tell him when doctors believe he is ready."

Meanwhile, the children's mother Sharon Wood, 35 – who flew to Corfu on Friday with her second husband Paul – was said to be "grief stricken" after a second visit to the mortuary where their bodies lie.

She has also visited the Louis Corcyra Hotel at the Greek island's resort of Gouvia, where the tragedy happened four days ago during a holiday taken by Neil, Ruth and the children.

Hotel manager George Chrysikopolous is to be charged with manslaughter by negligence. The hotel's owner, a maintenance manager and an air-conditioning engineer will also face charges. It has been claimed that an engineer drilled a hole between the boiler room and the family's room – letting gas in.

The hot water tank was leaking, causing the boiler to fire up continuously – creating large amounts of carbon monoxide.

The family had also closed their windows to keep out mosquitos. British tour operators have sent an expert to check air-con appliances.

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IN DARK: Dad Neil doesn't know Robert and Christianne are dead

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STABBED: Victim Mark

Murder: Boy, 14 is held

A BOY of 14 was arrested yesterday after a man of 21 was stabbed to death in a street fight.

Mark Cliff, 21, was rushed to hospital after being attacked at around midnight on Saturday, but died later.

The teenager and a 17-year-old were last night being quizzed by detectives.

Officers are appealing for witnesses to the attack, in Batley, West Yorks. Police were called to the scene following reports of a fight.

Search

The area has been cordoned off as teams of forensic experts search for evidence.

A post mortem revealed Mr Cliff died from a single stab wound.

Local resident Jeffrey Stead, 74, said: "It is so awful to think that something so tragic has happened on our own doorstep."

Det Supt Tim Forber, who is leading the probe, said: "We appeal to anyone who may have been in the Wilton area in the early hours of Saturday morning to get in touch."

STAR BURST

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But now a report by information commissioner Richard Thomas says government agencies are keeping logs of when and where we all go.

A list of internet sites we access is also being kept – allowing officials to look at what we have been logging into.

BARGAIN BOOM

BUDGET shops such as Primark take one in every £4 spent on fashion in Britain, analysts at Verdict say.

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IS THAT BOT YOUR OWEN?

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Star gives double a bum role

■ by LIZZIE CATT

MOVIE hunk Owen Wilson's got a cheek – he hired out a botty double for his latest film.

The Wedding Crashers star was due to shoot a shower scene for his new comedy, Drillbit Taylor.

Owen, 37 – nicknamed the Butterscotch Stallion thanks to his mop of blonde hair and love of the ladies – stripped down to a pair of blue swimming trunks as the cameras rolled on a California beach.

But when it was time to ditch the trunks, a naked body double was ushered in to pose instead.

That may have spared his blushes – but it won't please his female fans to learn that the peachy cheeks in the flick don't belong to the star.

Got something to hide, Owen?

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MR CLEAN: Pete visits Kate at the weekend

PETE: NOW LOVE IS MY ONLY DRUG

Docs say he has beaten his demons

PETE DOHERTY says he's winning his fight against drugs.

And it's all down to love – the singer has promised Kate Moss he will be clear of his addiction by the time they marry.

Babyshambles frontman Pete, 27, has been back to the Priory rehab clinic as an out-patient and has told staff he's managed to avoid taking drugs.

Promise

He spent more than a month being treated at the clinic in north London earlier this year.

And counsellors at the Priory are now convinced Doherty is sticking to his promise to be free of his addiction by the time he marries model Kate, 32.

The couple are planning to marry on her birthday,

EXCLUSIVE by MATTHEW BELL

January 16, on the holiday isle of Ibiza.

A source at the Priory said: "Pete has been back here a couple of times for routine follow-up appointments and he is doing really well.

"Everyone here is delighted with the progress he is making.

"He is clearly trying to keep away from drugs and has promised he has not been taking any since his stay in the clinic.

"The staff here believe him because he looks well and they can tell, using their experience, if someone is lying to them.

"Pete said he was determined to be clean when he weds Kate – and he is genuinely trying to stick to that promise he made to her. Everyone is very pleased with the way he is making so much effort to beat his addiction, but Pete knows there is still a long way to go."

Pete booked into the Priory in the summer after magistrates released him on bail on drugs possession charges with the condition that he spent time in rehab.

Battle

The singer is set to be sentenced on those charges in December but will be treated more leniently if the magistrates are impressed with the progress he has made in rehab.

Pete has looked much healthier since leaving the Priory. And he proved his commitment to beating his addiction by cutting short a tour with Babyshambles to concentrate on his battle against drugs.

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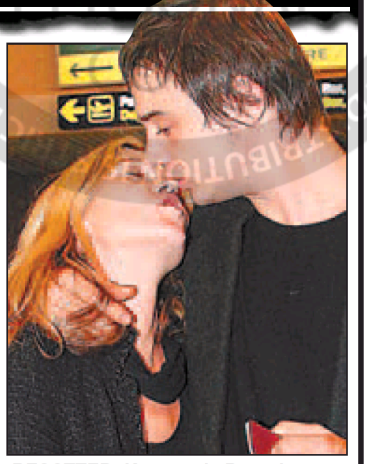

BESOTTED: Kate made Pete clean up

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Muslim teacher follows fatwa – as cops demand Union Jack protection

DRESS CODE: Aishah Azmi in Muslim garb with her husband Ahmed Khan Picture: BEN LACK

VEIL GIRL: I'M ONLY OBEYING ORDERS!

Cleric said she must cover up

■ by DEAN VALLER

THE Muslim teaching assistant who insisted on wearing her veil in the classroom was following fatwa orders.

Aishah Azmi, 24, took advice from Mufti Yusuf Sacha, a Muslim cleric in West Yorkshire.

It's said the Mufti told her it was obligatory to wear the veil around men who were not relatives.

When Aishah then wore the veil in class at Headfield Church of England School in Dewsbury, West Yorks, she was suspended – prompting a nationwide debate.

An employment tribunal has since ruled that Kirklees Council, who run the school, were within their rights to suspend her.

Aishah was represented at the hearing by Kirklees Law Centre which is considering appealing against the decision or taking the case to the European Court of Human Rights.

So far the dispute is thought to have cost the British taxpayer £350,000 in legal fees.

Law Centre manager Nick Whittingham said Aishah had received advice from the cleric before starting her job in September 2005.

Strain

He is one of several hundred Islamic clerics in the UK with the status of Mufti, meaning he can issue fatwas – or orders – based on Islamic law.

Azmi, a bilingual support worker helping British Pakistani children learn English, was told to remove her veil in class because pupils could not understand her.

She was sent home on sick leave in November 2005, on the grounds that the strain of the dispute was causing her stress.

She returned to work in February this year but insisted on wearing the veil, prompting the school to suspend her on full pay.

Yesterday Mufti Abdul Kadir Barkatullah, who is affiliated to the Muslim Council of Britain, said: "I am 100% sure that wearing the veil is not obligatory on Muslim women. It is a matter of choice."

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FLAG BURNERS FACING A CRACKDOWN

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

NEW powers to clamp down on hate-filled extremists by making it a crime to burn flags are being demanded by police.

Scotland Yard is urging Government ministers to give officers more clout to deal with fanatics out to stir up trouble.

It also wants to ban demonstrators from covering their faces.

Soft

The calls are in a set of proposals drawn up by Britain's most senior Muslim officer.

Met assistant commissioner Tarique Ghaffur claims Britain is seen as soft on extremist protesters.

He said: "There appears to be a growing public perception that policing of demonstrations is unduly lenient.

"The reason this is a great country is the tolerance of people.

"If they start to see images of people who seem to be getting away with it, that starts to erode."

Mr Ghaffur has submitted his plans to Attorney General Lord Goldsmith who is understood to be preparing to announce a crackdown on extremists.

The police chief said the ideas would be backed by the Muslim community because they clearly target an extremist minority.

Civil rights group Liberty said the proposed new laws were "unnecessary".

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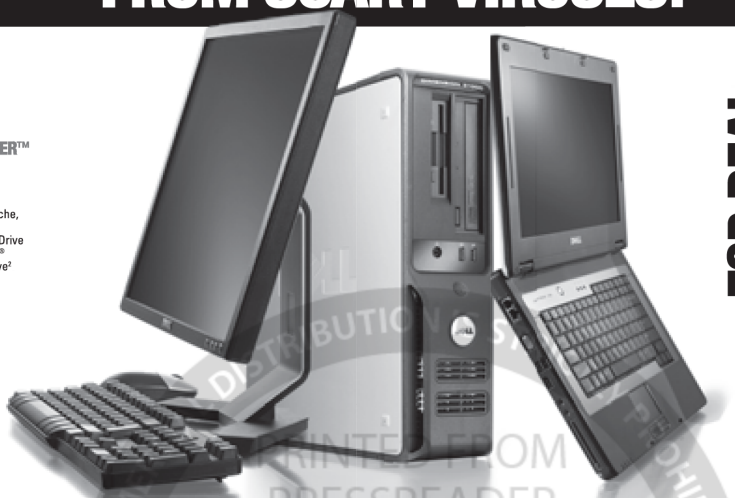

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